

Public Safety Commission

FIRE DEPARTMENT

July 20, 2020

Webex Meeting

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Ford called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Meghan Carta
Commissioner Darnell Ford
Commissioner Anthony Mangiafico
Commissioner Phil Pessina
Commissioner Linda Salafia

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger

STAFF ABSENT

PUBLIC PRESENT

Gene Nocera
Twenty eight participants in attendance via Webex

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

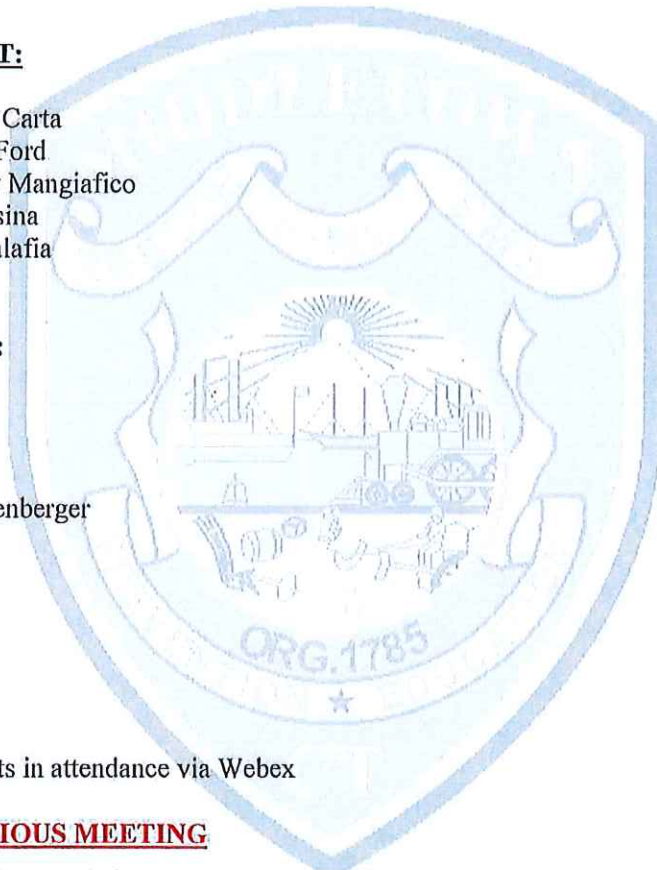
Meeting virtually recorded, no written minutes taken

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None



6. MONTHLY REPORT

- Monthly report given by Chief Kronenberger:
 - Call volume remains right where it has been – on the slow side which is due to Middlesex Hospital EMS protocols
 - COVID responses have dropped way off – after reviewing COVID numbers only four positive cases in the month of July
 - Chief Kronenberger thanked the commission for supporting the appropriation request and stated that he was able to keep the fire personnel and the public safe in part by the formation of a separate EMS crew
 - Most expenses should be reimbursable by FEMA
 - Middlesex Hospital who dictates the EMS response have stated that they are going to be maintaining the EMS protocols in place through the end of the calendar year
 - As of July 1st all training has started back up for the department

7. OLD BUSINESS

- COVID response:
 - Discussed previously in monthly report

8. NEW BUSINESS

- None

9. Other Matters Not on the Agenda:

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10. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

- None

11. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Monthly report given by Director Kronenberger:
 - Emergency Management has been busy – active in the weekly pickups of the community based and public health supplies in West Hartford
- New Business:
 - Director Kronenberger has been working with the Health Department as well as the Finance Department to come up with a realistic plan for purchasing COVID reimbursable supplies
 - In discussions with the Finance Department and the Health Department it was concluded that Emergency Management would probably be the most logical agency to take point on this
 - Director Kronenberger requested an appropriation of \$100,000.00 to cover solely the COVID reimbursable supplies and is viewed as a revenue neutral endeavor
 - Finance Department stated that CNR money is available so that money will be used for the COVID reimbursable

expenses with the plan that once the reimbursables are received the lines can be refunded

- Funds needed to purchase medical, cleaning, and sanitary supplies in case of second wave that is predicated in the fall
- Tina Gomes has taken point on all the reimbursables and is almost finished with the first quarter – will then start on quarter two
- Was clarified by Director Kronenberger that the appropriation will come from the General Fund

12. Monthly Summary of Action Taken by the Telecommunications Committee

- No meeting held for the month of July

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Councilmember Salafia, Councilmember Mangiafico seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Ruffino

Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2020